



ITEMS APPROVED AND ACTION TAKEN BY THE
LEE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

February 20, 2012

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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The Lee County Board of Commissioners, meeting in regular session at 6 p.m., Monday, February 20, 2012, took action on the following items:

The following items were approved on the **CONSENT AGENDA**:

- A. Minutes from January 23, 2012 closed session meeting,
- B. Minutes from February 6, 2012 regular meeting,
- C. Minutes from February 8, 2012 adjourned regular meeting,
- D. Tax Releases and Refunds for January 2012,
- E. Agreement between Lee County and Stanley Convergent Security Solutions for Jail security project in the amount of \$282,300.00,
- F. Agreement with DOT for paving of Deep River Fire Department lot,
- G. Capital Project Budget Ordinance for Courthouse Renovation project, and
- H. Renewal lease agreement for USDA Farm Service Agency
- I. "Letter of Support" to the Sanford Area Chamber of Commerce for a grant application for a program known as *New Generation Leaders*.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Pursuant to N.C. General Statute 153A-52.1, the floor was opened for *Public Comments*. The following spoke and were allowed 3 minutes to make their presentation:

- 1. Ms. Martha Underwood, 3309 Westcott Circle, Sanford

PUBLIC HEARINGS

- A. Conducted public hearings with the Lee County Planning Board on the following:
 - 1. Application submitted by Abdalfatah Mohamed Abutaha to rezone approximately 5.2 acres of land located at 3132 Jefferson Davis Highway from Light Industrial Conditional Use (LU-CU) district to Highway Commercial (HC) district; and
 - 2. To consider seven (7) text amendments to the Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) for sign regulations, permitted use matrix, and agricultural animals. **NOTE:** Commissioners tabled consideration of the text amendment for political signs in the right of ways until County, City

and Broadway attorneys could confer and make sure everything is in compliance with State rules.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. The Sheriff's Department presented an annual *Animal Control Enforcement* presentation – No action was taken.
- B. Approved Engineer (The Wooten Company) and Architect (310 Architecture) contracts associated with the Caterpillar Incentive/Expansion (not to exceed \$180,000).
- C. Budget Amendment # 02/20/12/09,

MANAGER'S REPORT

- A. Presented Monthly Financial Report for month ending January 2012 – No action taken.
- B. *County Manager's Monthly Report* which consisted of the following items:
 - Upcoming Projects/Bids:
 - 1. Springsted Consultants have completed the preliminary work on the Pay Classification plan update. A draft plan report will be available in late February and presented to the Board at the second meeting in March.
 - 2. Both Evergreen audit drafts have been received of the County's and Board of Education's Audits. Comments by staff and elected officials have been received by Evergreen for review. Comments from Evergreen are due back on February 20th. The County Manager is recommending that Evergreen provide a final presentation to the Board of Commissioners on both reports. After that presentation, Commissioners can decide how to proceed.
 - 3. Courthouse renovations project is out to bid. Bid advertisements went out on January 22nd, a pre-bid conference was held on January 31st and bids are due February 21st. A contract will be presented to Commissioners at their March 5th meeting.
 - Other Items of Interest:
 - 1. Staff is beginning the process of completing the *Recommended 5 Year Capital Improvement Plan*. A recommendation will be presented to the Board at the April 2nd Commissioners meeting.
 - 2. Work has begun at the department level for the FY 2012-13 budget. The final budget recommendation will be ready to present at the May 7th Commissioners meeting. The budget public hearing is scheduled for May 21st at 6 p.m.
 - 3. The School of Government will be holding a "Bottom Line" budget simulation exercise for Commissioners and other selected individuals on May 8th from 9 a.m. until 12 noon in the Gordon Wicker Conference Room at the Lee County Government Center. Invitations have been issued to 16 participants outside Lee County Government to participate in the exercise. On the afternoon of March 8th a discussion will be held on goal setting with Commissioners for the FY 2012-13 budget.
- C. Approved release of \$6,500 budgeted in the FY 2011-12 budget for Johnston-Lee-Harnett Community Action.

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